New ASMPC President

Chuck Powell runs unopposed

Due to a conflict between El Yanqui's publication date and the student election schedule, election results were not available at press time.

The following is the result of an interview with candidate Powell a week before the election, in which he presented several points of his platform.

Powell ran without opposition for the ASMPC presidency.

ByTara Crowley

ASMPC's new president, Chuck Powell, has many ideas and goals to implement this fall semester. The main thrust of his platform calls for more student and community involvment with MPC. Several people share Chuck's enthusiasm for a more politically active student body, including new vice-president John Lyons. Their ticket united under the title of "Students Campaign for Educational Determination."

Chuck Powell has several specific changes he would like to see at MPC. He would like the election schedule changed to allow more time for students to "familiarize themselves with MPC and its workings." He says the present 28-day preparation time is just not enough. He would also like to see a president's term extended to two semesters instead of one. He believes this would allow for more continuity and progress in specific areas.

"The cafeteria's food is still bad", says Chuck. He believes the new management has not lived up to its promises of better service and higher quality food.

Chuck also thinks the Speakers Bureau needs to be used more. He would like to bring speakers from a "wide spectrum of political backgrounds" to speak at the college. He feels students here would benefit form a fairly constant and stimulating input from guest speakers; he knows MPC has the resources to get speakers to come here, and intends to do it.

The new president, above all, wants to know what the students think about MPC's different programs and policies. He wants students to take more interest and control over their education and to become much more involved in the political process at MPC. He is planning to distribute questionnaires to students so that he may better understand the needs of the people here and work for those needs.

Two-wheeled dangers cited

By Paul S. Reinhard

"I was doing a good 25 mph. down Cass St., when he turned in front of me. I went up over the hood, folded over the windshield and down the other side, my four hundred dollar bike totaled and him driving away like he didn't even see me."

So spoke Larry Popkey, relating one of numerous adventures experienced by himself and other members of the Velo Club of Monterey, to illustrate the dangers of bicycling on the peninsula.

In this case, the fault was obviously with the driver, but in fact, drivers' ineptitude is only one of many dangers. Road conditions should also be included, and the ignorance of cyclists themselves is outstanding. One state survey shows that close to 90 per cent of bicycle/auto accidents are the fault of the bicyclist.

Many cyclists don't realize that their bikes are technically vehicles, just like cars, points out Warren Giles, owner of M&M Cyclery in P.G. "They charge through red lights and stop signs, ride on the wrong side of the road, aginst traffic, ride on the sidewalk, all kinds of things that aren't only stupid, but are blatantly illegal."

This sort of activity confuses the motorist, Giles suggests, and he doesn't know whether to treat the cyclist as vehicular or pedestrian. Says Velo club member, Pat Waddel, "Motorists won't treat the cyclist as an equal until the cyclist handles himself as an equal."

One example Waddel gives is of bicyclists who weave in and out of empty parallel parking spaces. "The cyclist thinks he's being helpful by giving the motorist

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Reasons for late start

Many students are puzzled, and some upset, over the calendar change that went into effect this semester. A number of reasons were given for the later start by dean of students, Jack Bessire.

In late August, he said, many students are still on vacation, and summer jobs come to an end at various times in late summer. The new schedule also makes it possible for more military personnel to attend, he added.

Under the new plan, two weeks are provided for Christmas vacation, after which final exams will be held. A one week semester break then follows.

Previously, classes would begin about August 20 and end before Christmas.

Bessire said, "The main feature of our schedule is that we meet the legal requirement of 175 days, and 16 weeks, in a school year. Due to this year's calendar, there was no possibility of cramming in finals before Christmas. That, together with the reasons for starting later in summer, cause the new schedule."

Bessire indicated that future class schedules, including next fall's, may start earlier, as they have in the past. He also outlined the possibility of late semester starts for 1978. "By opening school next fall on September 11,"he said, "we could complete 72 days prior to Christmas and complete another 14 days between January 2 and 19. That would give one week off over Christmas and New Year's, however."

The well-known objections to taking final exams after the year-end holidays remain a factor, Bessire said, but the mandates of the law and the opportunity for vacationers in late summer to return in time for classes take precedence.

Cafeteria firm promises good service, provides good contract terms for student government

By Mike Kemelek

Be patient, Guckenheimer Food Service Manager Steve Pitts asks those students who expect fine cuisine, ethnic dishes, and balanced-protein vegetable masterpieces from their cafeteria. Health food, ready-made sandwiches, and greater variety are on the way.

The eight-year food service veteran Pitts spoke to El Yanqui during his firm's third week of operation in the school cafeteria, saying, "We'll definitely compete with any deli in town" soon enough. A deli bar, he said, is in the works, and the Euell Gibbons crowd can even look forward to "soft-serve" yogurt.

"It's impossible for us to start off with all we'd like," he said of the new outfit in the cafeteria. "The students should be aware that we're new---but they can expect good, reasonable quick service and excellent food quality."

Profit breakdown

Guckenheimer---German for "hot sandwiches"---took over this fall from Professional Foods Management (PFM) the food service firm embattled over questions of discrimination in past semesters. Pitts explained details of the contract Guckenheimer has formed with the Associated Students, which oversees the food service. He indicated that the firm would receive the first $20,000 of net profit, the ASMPC would get the next $3000, and the remainder would be divided equally. Pitts added that another provision calls for Guckenheimer to provide $1000 in scholarship money out of its take.

According to Pitts, his firm projects a profit margin of $24,000 out of an expected $150,000 worth of business at MPC anually. This comes to about $3500 for the ASMPC treasury, along with at least $7000 from vending machines, in a separate contract with the vending firm.

Affirmative Action

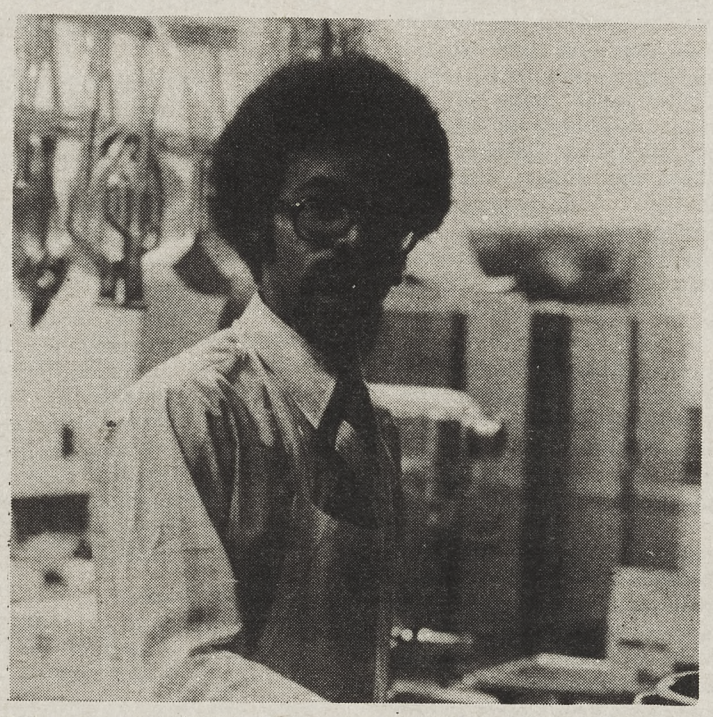
By contrast, El Yanqui has learned, the contract with the previous company, PFM, paid nothing to ASMPC for its so-called manual operations and a two-thirds cut of vending subcontracted through PFM, which netted $6877 over the last accounting year for ASMPC.

Guckenheimer seems also armed to avoid the employee relations problems that plagued PFM. The firm has Affirmative Action provisions, a black manager---Pitts, and pays its 13 employees $2.75 hourly, while PFM was repeatedly charged with discriminating against its largely-black staff---significantly in the area of promotions---and paid just above the minimum wage.

What about Joyce?

Several former PFM employees, including cashier Clara Williams, have been hired by the new firm, but another, Beatrice Joyce, was denied employment by Guckenheimer. She said, "I was one of the first to file my application, but they wouldn't hire me." Joyce is black, and, she says, never received a satisfactory answer as to why her bid for employment was rejected, though she has as much experience in food service as the other former-PFM employees hired by Guckenheimer.

Pitts said, "I'm not comfortable about making a statement on this. The past experience of PFM employees doesn't count for much, considering their company's performance, which wasn't very good."



Cafeteria manager Steve Pitts is confident of winning over students with a fine food service. Photo by Chris Weber

Whatever the basis of the Joyce matter, Pitts and Assistant Manager Bill Pimental reflect the youthful, and hopefully fair and non-discriminatory, image of the college's new food service. Both are still in their twenties and seem open and communicative. Pitts, a native of St. Louis, said, "It's a young company, which is why I joined in July---they were quick to give me responsibility."

Owns Bumbleberry

The firm operates about 90 separate kitchens, from industrial outlets---Sears in San Francisco and Hughes Airwest in San Mateo---to campuses including Stanford and San Jose City College. Hospital food service is also a feature of the firm,, and it recently bought out the former Bumbleberry Restaurants, now called "Guckenheimer Family Restaurants."

But the typical student here is concerned first about his lunch, and he can expect about 100 different entree items and 50 to 60 main dishes. He will go four weeks before eating the same meal twice. And he'll soon select meals from a newly-painted and decorated serving area, according to Pitts.

"Heimerhaus," above the short-order line, by the way, means "sandwich house." And the line forms to the left.

Scholarship cutoff set

Today is the deadline for real estate scholarships---the last, best chance to apply for the $250 to $500 scholarships being offered by the California Association of Realtors.

To qualify, the student must be taking real estate studies at a sophomore or higher level, and be planning a career in real estate sales. He must also be in need of financial assistance. Application blanks are available at the Financial Aid Office in the Student Services Building.

From the Editor

Why not the best?

Mike Kemelek

This week, if past elections are any indication, less than 200 students went to the polls here to elect a new student government president. The winner pulled in about 100 votes, and oddly, some of the Council and Justice electees could have won their positions by garnering more votes than the new president. It happened, at least, last semester - Council candidate Sharon Donahue took down a landslide 118 ballots, while her husband Joe became ASMPC president with 99 votes. Consider Rosalynn Carter running for governor of Georgia and getting more votes than Jimmy did when he won the presidency.

That is only one of the oddities about the once-a-semester ASMPC elections. The strangest feature of the elections, probably, is why anybody bothers to hold them at all. The low voter turnout is just one indication of the pointlessness of the thing. The students aren't apathetic: they correctly sense the empty symbolism of student government at a small college like this.

To illustrate, outgoing President Donahue pledged to tackle some ongoing problems - food service, parking, day care, and the bookstore, among others. The most visible result of his four-month administration is the new kitchen firm serving up our meals, and this is an accomplishment of sorts. The new service offers a contract with Affirmative Action provisions, and offers a share of its profits to ASMPC superior to the previous company.

No loans, no radio station

But a study of the student government financial statement for last semester points out the real deficiency of leadership in a junior college context. The figures show all administration and no executive functions. With $18,790 to spend - income mostly from student body card sales and vending machines - most of the money went for a secretary, a clerk, job placement office funding, the printing of student ID's, and similar services. All these the school administration could handle with a few fast typists and a ledger book. Who needs a student government?

On the other hand, the ASMPC budgeted a lot of funds for worthwhile projects which didn't get spent. The campus radio station never got off the ground, though $1500 was set aside for it. The same for the book loan program, veterans emergency loans, student loans, the volunteer bureau, ASMPC scholarships, and National Direct Student Loans: nearly $7500 budgeted and not a cent spent on any of these programs. The money was available, too: the ASMPC had a $7000 surplus, after their secretaries, student cards, and other administrative odds and ends were taken care of. Was time lacking to do these worthwhile things, or was initiative?

The above figures were for the last fiscal period, going back to July 1, 1976. That means that Joe Donahue and friends are only as responsible as the administration that preceded them. Donahue has two accurate comments to make about the student offices: "Everything hinges on student participation." And, consequently, "My term has been a great personal insight into public life." The students must share some blame for what didn't get done, he infers, but did the students ever know what was even possible?

Need programs

For an answer consider a recent historical example. The student government of San Francisco State, in the late sixties, had absolute control of a $400,000 fund. (Compare with our $18,000.) Many, including then-president of SFSC Sam Hayakawa, believed the money to be the real reason behind the student uprisings. Hayakawa termed his rebellious students the "Mercedes Marxists," and he may have been right.

But if students are to control their own educations, they must also have some measure of control over the finances involved as well. Joe Donohue again: "We---the student officers---are allowed to exist by the Board of Trustees." It's a three-way tug, but nobody's pulling very hard at MPC. The ASMPC does little, the students know and want little, and the college administration looks on.

Constructive comments? Lengthen the President's term to two semesters, giving the incumbent time to grasp the job. One semester on the Council as a pre-requisite for the top spot would accomplish the same. Put big posters up all over campus calling for student volunteers to run ASMPC programs, and advising of all the scholarship money there is for the asking. Write a by-law that the ASMPC must spend a percentage of its income on the students directly, even if it has to give it away. That's what scholarships are, at any rate. And a student officer should have to carry more than one unit, while we're at it.

"Power to the pupil," says the slogan, but before power must come responsibility, then initiative. Nobody on campus has shown much of either in a while.

Second crime series lecture tonight

"Women and Justice," the second in a series of eight Crime and Justice forums will be held tonight at MPC in Lecture Forum 103. Ruth Rushen, a member of the State of California Release Board will present the main speech at the public forum beginning at 8 p.m.

Following Ms. Rushen's speech, there will be brief statements from others including Helen McCraig, instructor of the MPC course on "Women and Justice."

The forum will then be open for comments and questions from the audience. Clarence Mondale will moderate. The forum will be taped by MPTV for later airing.

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Opinion Page

Daily office hours are mandatory at last

By Kim Bui

Hooray for the MPC board! Its members have made daily teacher office hours mandatory. Hopefully, this will force both teachers and students towards a more complete understanding of the teaching/learning process.

Education doesn't stop outside the classroom walls, nor was it meant to. Socrates and his pupils carried their dialogues from the forums to the streets. Medieval scholars lived their academic world 24 hours per day, hunting and jousting with their tutors, as well as studying under them.

Office hours provide a space outside the classroom where discussions about course materials and presentations can be continued. But, more than that, they provide a chance for one-to-one contact between the student and teacher.

And it's at this personal level where the mental and emotional gears of the student begin to mesh. Emotional, financial or other kinds of problems can be explained, worked on or worked around.

Discovering that your student is a person, not just an ID number or a blank stare during an 8 AM class; discovering that your teacher is a person, not just a figure who appears twice a week at 8, then disappears at 9:30 clutching the weekly quizzes can be an extremely rewarding experience.

And yet, many teachers and students seem to ignore this chance to approach the academic world person-to-person.

Students often seem to disregard, or not care about office hours and locations. Or often, the need for personal contact isn't there until "My gosh, finals are in a week and the term paper's due Friday...can I have an extension?"

And for the serious student, it can be discouraging to have office hours mean an empty office or a teacher busy with his/her personal work. Some teachers here seem to have gotten their degrees with honors in the "non-appearance during office hours" level.

Office hours are officially here, and it's up to all of us to take full advantage of them. It's just too bad that something as potentially rewarding as daily office hours (for both the students and teachers) should have to be regulated to be effective.

Creative corner

The following poem and story first appeared this summer in a magazine put out by members of Linley Jensen's Creative Writing class.

Downhill rider

Resting in the corner of the garage
was my brother's new bike
Tires hopelessly out of breath.
Free and uninhibited -- How was I to know
that was no way down a steep hill.
Somehow my childhood peddled past
without teaching me to outgrow
My training wheels.
Coasting. Coasting. Breezily.
Staring ahead in apprehension,
Forgetting the brakes that were
just at my fingertips,
The sidewalk came up to me.
Shaken, hands and knees
Scraped and Scratched,
I laughed as friends stood by--
Laughter hiding embarrassment
Home a long way off
Uphill.

Suzanne Bassig

Friends

The strain of peddling all morning long was starting to settle on me. As we approached a stop sign, I could feel a small cramp developing in my calf.

The road had a deep slant and with the cramp, I found my leg too short to hold myself up. "Look out!" I yelled. Grabbing on to Alfredo's bike, I tried to keep myself from falling. Clang, bang, crash we fell. Legs, arms, metal all tangled up. We unwrapped ourselves, stood up, and started yelling at each other. "Why don't you grow up?" "If you knew how to ride a bike you wouldn't take up the whole street." Our yelling was interrupted by laughter. We turned and there stood three girls laughing.

Without haste we jumped on our bikes, almost instantly crashing into each other again. We peddled as fast as we could until we were out of sight. We pulled over for a rest. Turning toward each other, we broke into laughter. Friendship, that's what we have.

Robert Quinones

Letters

Sports schedule suggestion

To the Editor:

After reading "Where Have the Crowds Gone?", (Friday, 16 Sept. 1977), I got an idea.

Wouldn't it be nice if El Yanqui could get playing schedules from the active sports teams of MPC? Then you could print these schedules, so that everyone who reads El Yanqui would know where the crowds have gone. (And maybe they could join the crowd, also.) **Christy Hamilton**

From the Editor:

Sports schedules will be published in following issues according to space available and deadline dates for each issue. However, most sports stories do include the date of the next home game.

El Yanqui welcomes all letters to the editor. Letters may be written on any subject of general interest as long as the rules of good taste and libel are observed.

All letters must be signed, and shorter letters will be given preference. Letters from students must also include their student identification number.

Because the law holds the Editorial Board responsible for the contents of El Yanqui, the editor must reserve the right to delete offensive material.

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Denticare plan offered

What is the natural successor to Medicare, and even Peticare? It's Denticare.

Sponsored by Associated Students, it's a non-profit plan for " Prepaid" dental care for the student and his or her dependents. Covered members will pay reasonable, yearly membership dues, and reduced fees in line with a printed schedule of benefits.

The dues provide for teeth cleaning, examination, office visits and x-rays, as needed. Preventive dental education is also included at no fee. The doctors Howard of the participating Monterey dental office do the cleaning themselves. (Many patients prefer to have the work done by the dentist, rather than by a hygienist.)

Joan Wright Howard D.D.S. and her husband, Joseph S. Howard, D.D.S. are the medical "team". Both are native Californians who have practiced in Monterey for the past year. Their office is on the north side of the Hill Theater, on Porta Vista, where parking is painless.

Lectures by and about women

By Anne Woolworth

"Women as Winners", a lecture series initiated by Dr. Sharon Coniglio who heads the Women's Re-entry Program, meets Wednesdays in SS 201 at 12:10.

Vital women who have "made it" in their chosen careers will share their experience and know-how with those interested. One student suggested that the course could be sub-titled: "How to Succeed in a Man's World by Really Trying."

The kick-off talk was titled "Winning It Your Way." Next Wednesday, Diane Bower of the Home Economics Dept., a specialist in spinning, dyeing and home crafts, speaks on "Dialogue with One's Own Creativity." "Women in Politics" will be tackled head-on by Karin Strasser Kauffman. Idelle (Suzy) Sullens of the English Dept., a poet and author of two text books, will lecture on "Choices."

Virginia Fry, former member of the Monterey Planning Commission and instructor in Biology, will speak on "Art and Biology." Shirley Bialek, who teaches in the Learning Center and the Spanish Dept., takes "Rocking the Cradle and Winning the World" as her title. Dance instructor Dawn Sare, volleyball and tennis coach Georgeanne McKellar and Nancy Lofstad will give a lecture-demonstration, "Winning Through Movement."

Bertha Hutchins, instructor of Ethnic Studies and English, will talk on "Prose and Poetry, Black Women in Literature." Edie Karas, known for her work in "Gentrain," will present "Roar of the Greasepaint." Beth Beurkins, instructor in Anthropology and Philosophy, addresses "Women in Myth and Religion."

A provocative title, "Women of the World--Where are Our Sisters Going?" heads a lecture by Barbara Licht-Greenberg. Dr. Sharon Coniglio will present her film on "Women on the Peninsula, Myth Breakers and Image Makers."

math instructor, Lydia Luqet, covers "Women in Mathematics," once a taboo field for females.

Coniglio said, "Attendance at lectures is open to anyone."

Fall '74 president opens store



Barbara Waldrup behind the counter at her new store. Photo by Debra Curry.

By Mike Kemelek

A week before yesterday's balloting named the new student government, a former ASMPC chief executive turned businesswoman opened Seaside's first health food store.

Barbara Waldrup, joined by Mayor Oscar Lawson and most of the city council in a ribbon-cutting ceremony, went into business last Thursday at the Healthwise Nutrition Center. A touch of slapstick prevailed when the key to the store couldn't be found and the crowd of about twenty persons assembled for the dedication had to wait for the fire department to gain entrance.

Ms. Waldrup---formerly Barbara McClair---was Associated Students President in fall of 1974 and, while new to the health food field, is no stranger to retail business or to the community. "The neighborhood knows me as an Avon lady and general saleswoman. I've also been a PTA officer and active in Seaside political campaigns."

Her latest venture, "a nutrition center, more than a health food store," operates out of a small storefront at 1960 Fremont and is entirely a family affair. Her parents Bob and Bertha helped raise the capital while sister Vivian and brother Mike form the managerial staff.

The familiar rows of vitamins and shelves of whole-grain breads and natural foods mark the little store, though Waldrup says, "Space limits what I can do. If this is well received by the community, and meets its needs, we'll want to expand in eight to ten months." She intends to feature a juice bar and possible restaurant annex, depending on the store's fortunes. "Things can only improve," she said, referring to the comic delay of the opening due to the lost key.

In line with her community activism, Waldrup plans to use the store as a base of health-conscious outreach, meeting with local school principals and ministers to promote health-food programs in the schools and churches.

"We want to have a bulletin board at Healthwise to post with notices and news concerning nutrition. And in the near future I plan to speak via the "Inside Seaside" program on KZEN."

The tall, stately black woman, a youngish mother of three, spoke about the origins of Healthwise and credited her friends and family for a "miracle work." One of her main inspirations, Waldrup said, was Verna Teague of Carmel, who started the first health food store in that hamlet over 25 years ago.

The old, wizened but spry white-haired lady was present for Barbara Waldrup's opening.She was waiting with the crowd for the firemen to open the door, knowing that great things can start this way.

Two-wheeled dangers cited

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more room, but he's only confusing the issue." Waddel suggests, instead, that the cyclist maintain a straight course, close to but outside of the parking zone, "so that the motorist can see what the cyclist is going to do."

Another suggestion is that cyclist should assert himself more strongly at intersections. As the club members point out, it's crazy to be shy in a mass of turning cars. It's much safer to give a good signal, when necessary, get out there like any other vehicle, and go. As Popkey says, "The cyclist has a right to that space, and if he squeezes over and gives it to someone else, he's only endangering himself."

This assertive style doesn't mean, of course, that the bicyclist should be any less alert. There will always be the clown who flings his door, or pulls in or out, unexpectedly. "Seek good eye contact," says Giles. "Make yourself as visible as possible, but always know you're probably still invisible to someone."

Beyond the confusing relationship between cars and bicycles there is, especially on the peninsula, the added problem of road conditions, a problem magnified by the huge increase, in recent years, of both autos and bikes. This is slowly changing, however.

The City of Monterey actually enacted a major bikeways plan back in 1974, but the plan was hindered by inadequate funding, so that we are only now starting to see some benefits. The city points proudly to bike lanes along Aguajito Road and a bike path through Don Dahvee Park, and speaks of plans for a high quality path over Carmel Hill.

The city's biggest interest, actually, is in the proposed acquisition of the Southern Pacific Railway bed that lies between the Customs House in Monterey to Asilomar. A plan has already been drawn up to use the bed for both a bike path and a pedestrian walkway. Three separate agencies are involved, including the Parks District and the cities of Pacific Grove and Monterey. The politics involved, therefore, become complicated.

Monterey City Council is holding a meeting Oct.4, where it is generally expected they will accept the project. Pacific Grove is going to have more trouble, however, due largely to private interests that also want the land, as well as reservations from certain potential supporters.

A public meeting is being held in Pacific Grove Oct. 19, and the planning department is drumming up support. "It's vitally important that the pro forces be there," says assistant Planning Director Tony Lobay, "Because the opposition will surely be there, and they tend to be quite vocal."

Some veteran cyclists are hesitant to endorse the project, arguing two basic points. One is the fear that pedestrians and bicycles will be allowed to mingle along the pathway. As Warren Giles says, "It's much safer to ride in traffic than along a path where some pedestrian may step right in front of you."

Parks District capital director Gary Tate discounts this notion by pointing out that the plan calls for a fully separate eight foot path, designed for bikes exclusively.

The other point that cyclists fear is that, if the path is created, bicyles will lose the right to travel elsewhere. This argument is discounted by the bikeways plan itself, which states specifically that "in no event, shall the designation of bikeways prohibit the bicyclist from using other non-designated city streets." With these and other arguments to discuss, and people anxious to get their hands on some valuable land, the Oct. 19 meeting should prove to be provocative.

COLLEGE POETRY REVIEW

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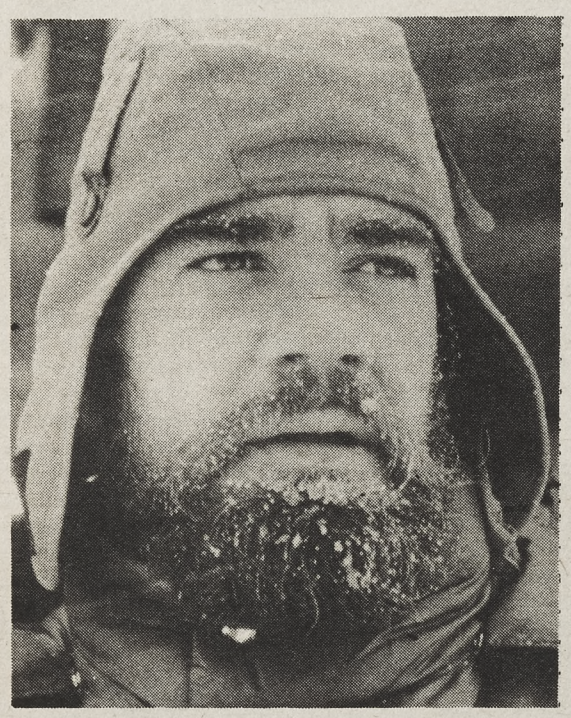
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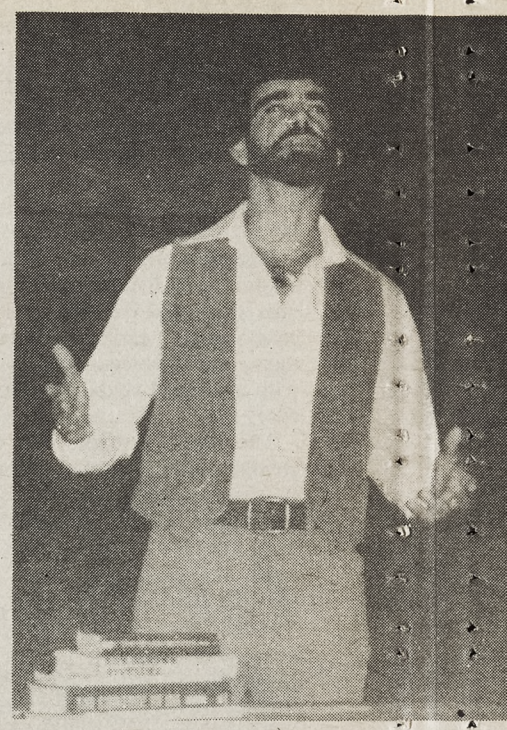
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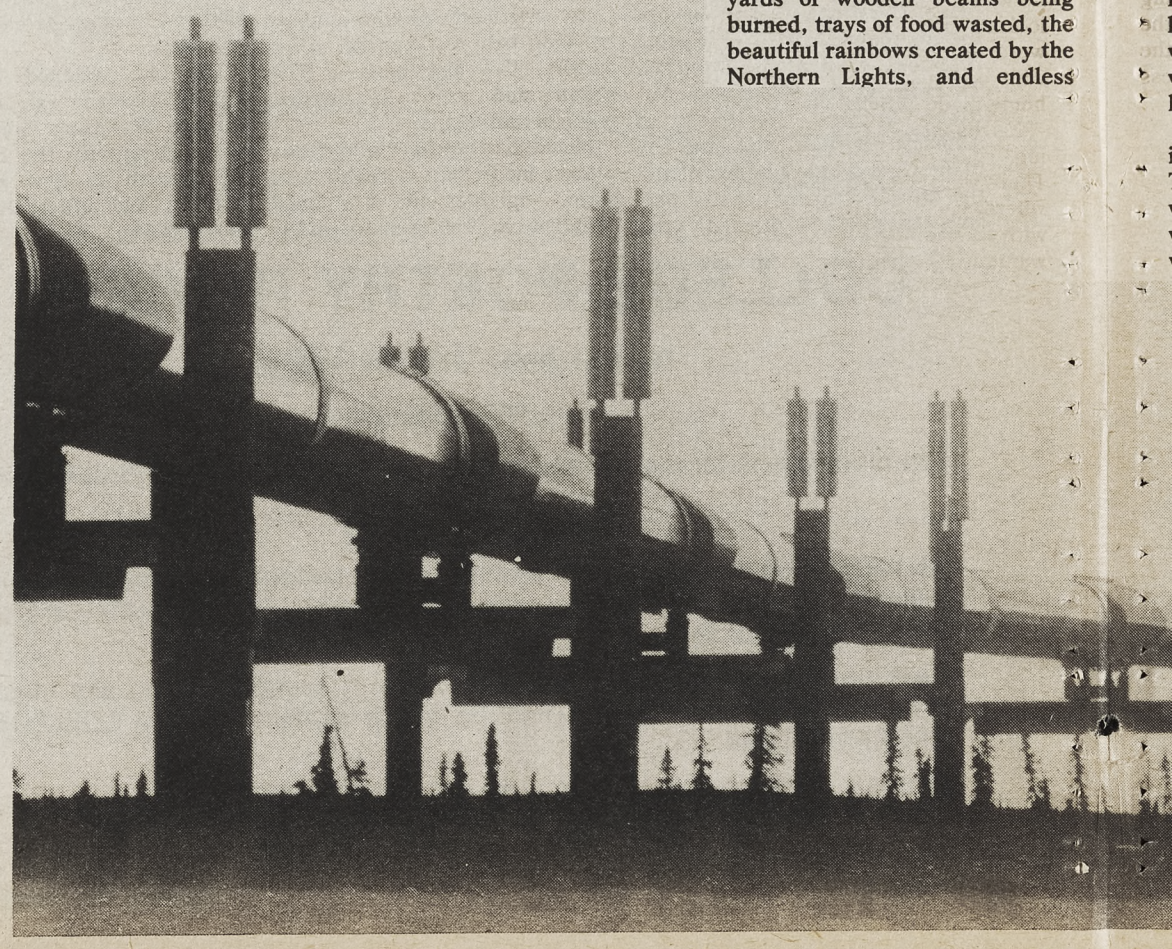
By Tom Ish

"The great American dream is alive but the work ethic is gone," says Robert Siler, a former student and ASMPC officer.

Siler, 29, recently gave a slide-lecture presentation on campus about his experiences of working on the Alaskan Pipeline in 1975 and 76. He is continuing with a tour of 14 colleges throughout California.

Siler says completion of the pipeline "enriched 20,000 people financially and represents everything that is America - opportunity, capitalism, politics, waste, corruption and conflicts." Siler intends to show people "what really went on . . .when the white wave came to Alaska."

Out of 5,000 pictures, Siler uses 140 of his best which "doesn't come close to what (he's) seen." For instance, the huge pipe being lifted by a frozen mineral spring, yards of wooden beams being burned, trays of food wasted, the beautiful rainbows created by the Northern Lights, and endless

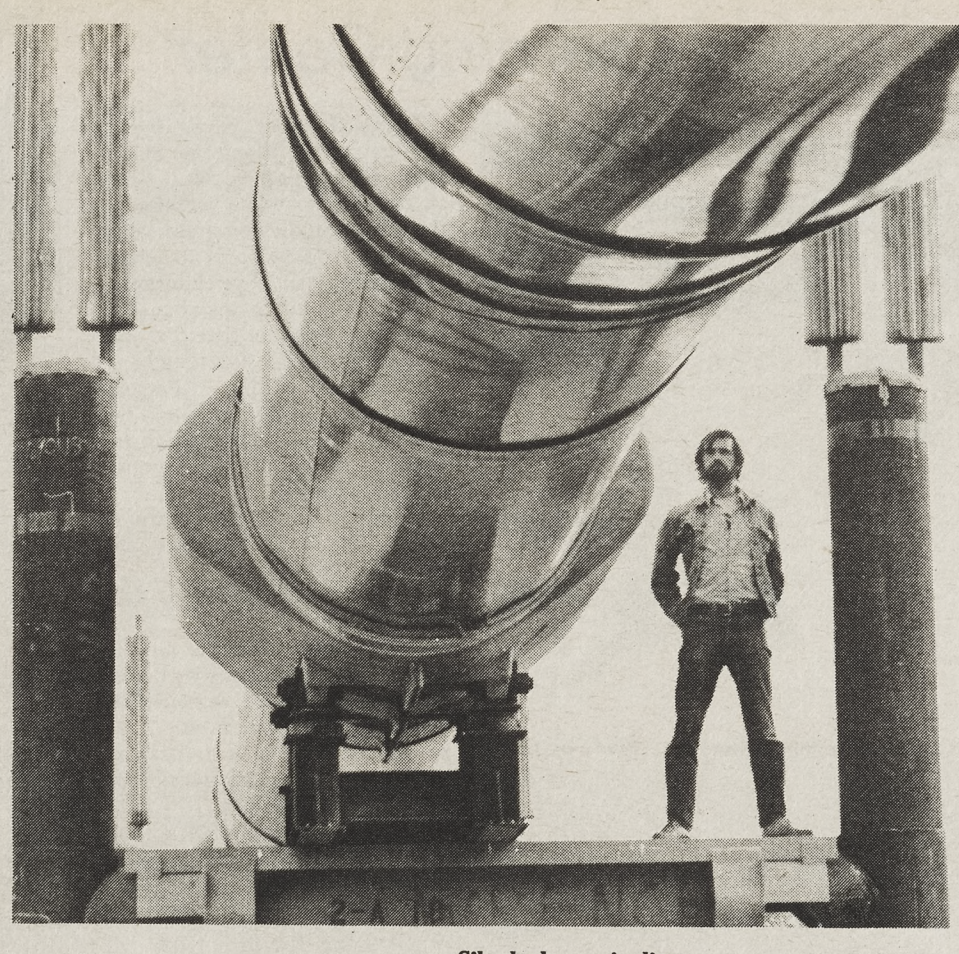




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glimpses of wildlife from bears, moose and foxes, to bald eagles and spawning salmon.

When talking about the people he encountered, Siler chooses not to generalize. He says there are good and bad workers among the whites and the natives. He does point out that any problems he met did involve the whites, and especially the welders. He says, "They stick together like a pack of dogs," and a person won't be accepted unless he is a part of the family. Because the pipeline couldn't be built without the welders, Siler says there were two sets of rules, and "what the welders want, the welders get." Furthermore, a certified pipeline welder made $18 an hour, compared to a laborer's $11 an hour.

Nevertheless, Siler was grateful for the work that he found in Alaska. When he left Monterey, he was prepared to spend a year looking for a job. His provisions were an insulated van, packed with food including five gallons of home-made granola.

Fairbanks, Alaska was booming when he arrived in 1975. There were lines of people everywhere, such as telephone booths with six people deep. Everybody wanted big bucks immediately but Siler was willing to start washing dishes and eventually move into a job with the Alyska Group.

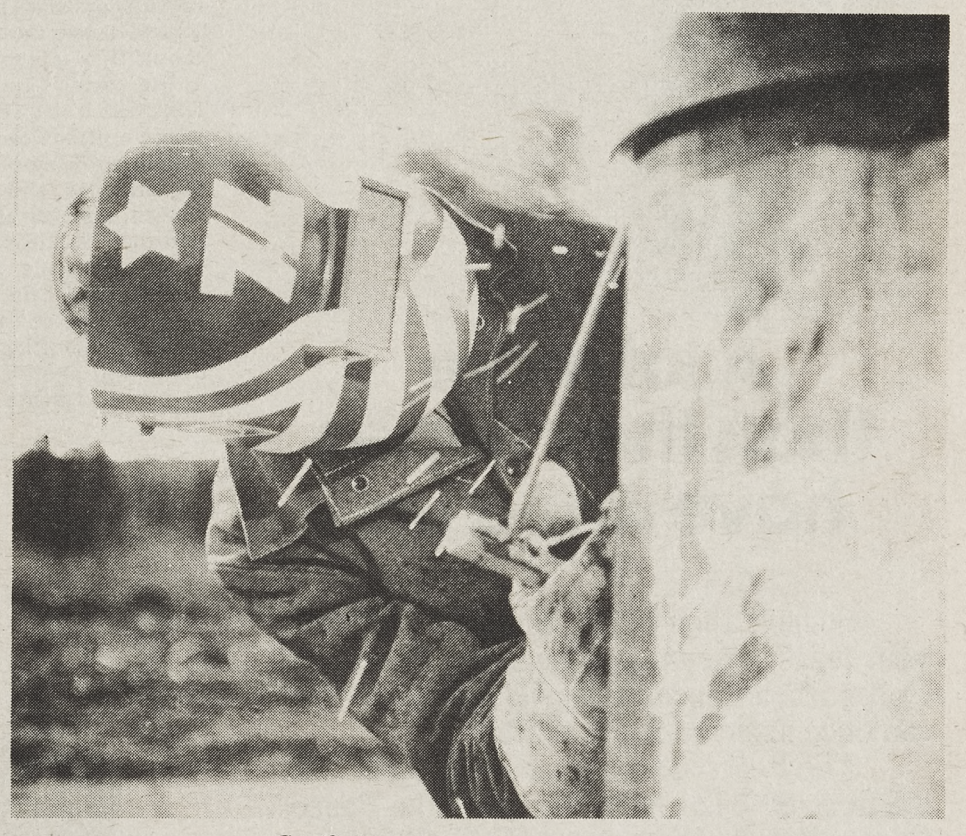
After working with the world's largest and richest industry, Siler says the thing that aggravates him most is that the oil companies are getting $5 per barrel just for transporting the oil 798 miles through the pipeline. At a rate of 2 million barrels a day, the oil field will last 13 years giving the oil companies $48 billion on the $7.7 billion pipeline investment, according to Siler.

He says there was a general attitude among the workers that the oil companies were screwing them over, so the workers got back at the companies by means of corruption, and theft.

Siler quotes some of the workers saying, "My ass is red and my pockets are green, so fuck Alyeska and their money making machine." He says one employee was caught with $10,000 worth of equipment including tools, generators and parts. Other workers would pad their hours or have someone punch in for them.

Though work was attempted under extreme conditions, Siler says his adventure was worthwhile. He was finally laid-off when temperatures dropped to 77 degrees below which brought him back to Monterey where he began to arrange his slide-lecture presentation. As for the future, Siler hopes to write a book, which may develop into a movie.





Certified pipeline welder at work.

Stember heads Learning Center



New Learning Center Coordinator Peggy Stember. Photo by Chris Weber.

By Chris Weber

Peggy Stember has taken over this Fall as the new "facilitator" in the Learning Center, now in its fourth year.

One of her main goals is to"see that the system works." She says a big problem with the basically excellent Learning Center system is that if anything goes wrong, there is often a communications barrier that hampers a quick solution.

Stember strongly believes that "being here for eight hours a day" will solve this communications problem. Soon to go up on one wall is a "message board" to enable students to leave messages for any teacher or tutors. This will also help solve the communications problem, she believes.

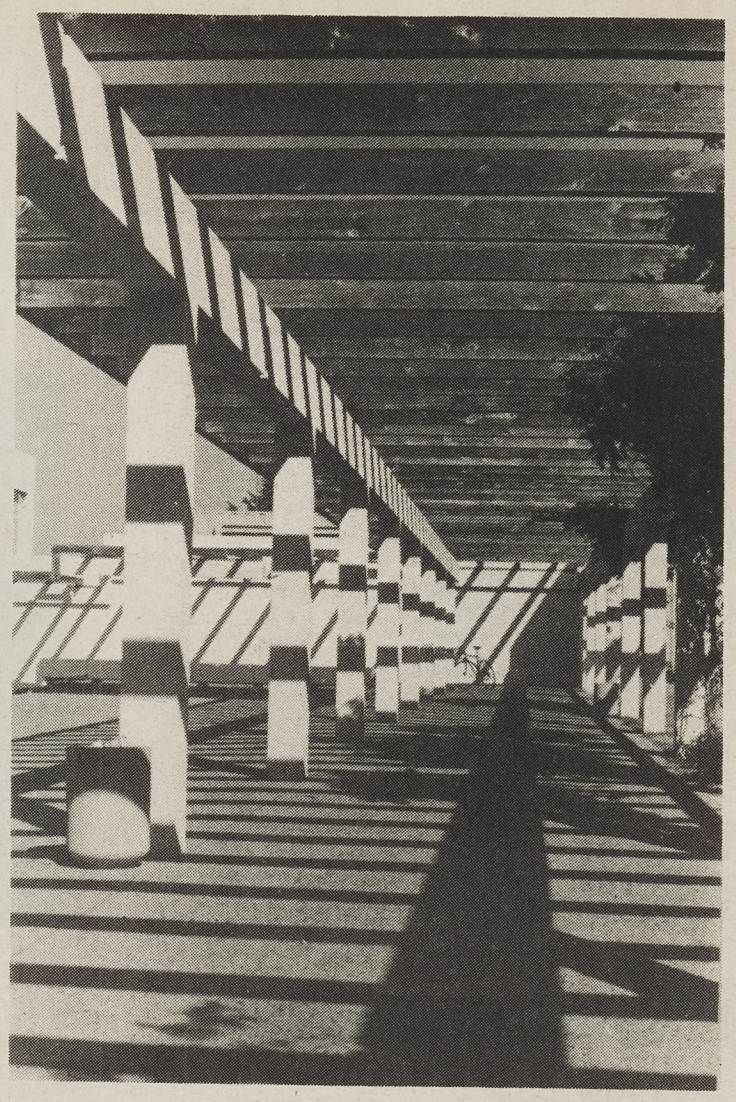
Peggy Stember is a 10-year resident of the Monterey Peninsula. For the past two-and-a-half years she has worked part time in the Ethnic Studies program. Part of her credentials for teaching come from raising five children.

One of the big myths about the Learning Center is that it's only for teaching and re-teaching basic reading and writing. Persons who know the basics think the Learning Center has nothing for them. Many of the campus teachers disagree.

Examples of what the Learning Center can do for students who have the basics are:

1. Teach students how to take tests efficiently.
2. Show these students how to take quick comprehensive notes; students who can't recall information do poorly on exams.
3. Demonstrate how to listen to lectures so the material will be understood more clearly.
4. Clarify how to write a term paper or book critique on a college level. Most college teachers won't accept junior high school level material.

There are many other programs available. The Learning Center is in the same building as the library. Most units earned are transferable to all state colleges but not the University of California system.



Afternoon shadows by the Amphitheatre. Photo by Richard Flyer.



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Peninsula women's grapevine extends to MPC, many programs on agenda

By Tara Crowley

The Women's Center on campus is now open to women and men who wish to obtain information about Peninsula women's groups, start or join workshops, or who would simply like an interesting place to hang out. The center is open from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Mondays, Wenesdays, and Fridays, and from 9 A.M. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is located below the library where the old UFM office was housed.

The women's center has many features. It is a resource center where a person can obtain information on many other peninsula organizations and services for women, it serves as an office for part-time Womens Studies teachers, Women's Studies staff meetings are held there, and it provides a place for students to gather for meetings also. The center will publish a newsletter starting next month.

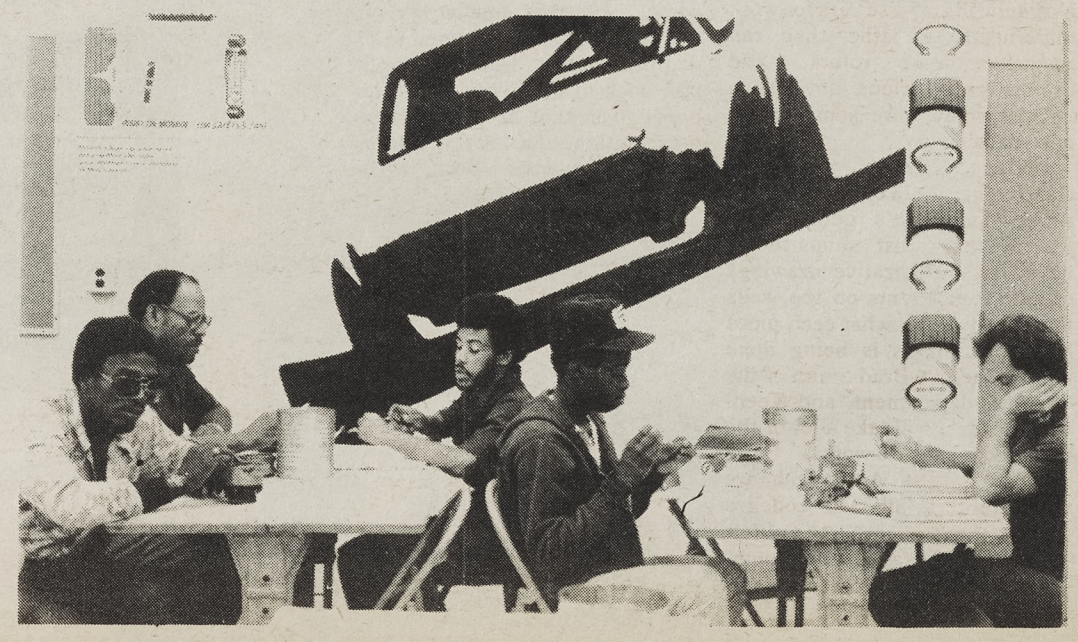
Both faculty and students run the center, but Dr. Sharon Coniglio who heads the program, would like to see more students develop work shops and other activities. At present, the Womens Studies faculty provide most of the momentum.

Exciting and informative programs are in the planning stage for this semester. Community Services is working with the Women's Center on planning workshops dealing with women in business and financial awareness for women. Poetry readings are also on the agenda, and Dr. Coniglio hopes to arrange informal lunches at the center in which guest speakers would lecture on various topics. There are plans for a woman lawyer to visit once a month to give advice on legal problems of special interest to women, and hopefully a consumer educator will be on hand as well.

The MPC Women's Center belongs to a larger organization called "Grapevine". "Grapevine" is made up of Peninsula women's organizations, and it's purpose is to keep the many different groups informed about each other's activities. The Women's Health Coalition and other peninsula groups--(our Women's Center included)--hold an annual health fair with lectures, films, and booths to visit.

The MPC center also organized the "Women As Winners" series, a group of lectures given here at noon on Wednesdays. A student may sign up for the class and receive credit, or just go when a topic seems interesting.

A referral book, a directory of women's organizations, health and legal agencies, is now in the process of being up-dated at the center. It contains information of women's groups and will tell how to get in touch with them.



Wall diagrams are a new feature of Auto Tech. See story next page. Photo by Deb Curry.

Radio vet Don Mussell starts KAZU-FM

By Paul S. Reinhard

They call him the barefoot wonder, this quiet little hobbit of a guy, and he has rarely, if ever, been seen wearing other than a floppy pair of jeans. Definitely not your typical radio personality, but Don Mussell apparently grew up eating transistors and rheostats.

For years, he helped put together other radio stations, starting as the radio engineer for KPFK* the non-commercial Pacifica station in L.A. When he moved to this area, he played a part in getting KLRB working, and then just about built KUSP. It's rumored that he's climbed every radio tower in the Monterey Bay area.

But what he has really wanted to do, all along, is create his very own radio station. Sure, there was always the possibility of doing private radio, but there wasn't much future there. So two years ago he dove headlong into the Federal Communications Commission, in order to battle his way to his dream.

Now after 24 months of hard work and frustration, Don Mussell proudly brings you KAZU, located high above Sprouse-Reitz Building in lovely downtown Pacific Grove.

It wasn't easy. First off, the FCC required a seven member board of directors for the station. So, Mussell set himself up as president, then shopped around for six other people of noteworthy character.

He came up with Joanne Farnsworth, the former owner of The Granary, as vice president, husband Robert, an attorney, as secretary, Marsha Lubow, treasurer, David Bean, former program director for KLRB, as music director, Attorney Steve Slatkow as news and public affairs director, and Charles Burridge, who owns New Family Foods, as finance director.

The next obstacle was obtaining call letters, an essentially simple operation that proved to be the most difficult of all. The trouble was that before the FCC would even consider giving the letters, the station would have to be completely built and operable. Mussell then diligently set about building the station, almost entirely by himself. Enter hard work and frustration.

The board was finally given a choice of five different call letters, and was lucky to come up with KAZU. (It was much better, for instance, than KGLG or KMRQ.)

Hand with the assigning of those letters, Mussell, the barefoot wonder, got his dream.

The station is aiming for an official opening some time in mid-October, but tests and segments are being occasionally put on, even now, in preparation for the opening. It is an FM station and is located at 90.3 mc on the radio dial.

The programming has thus far been only roughly sketched out, but the present framework calls for folk music in the morning, public affairs programming in the early afternoon, classical music for late afternoon and early evening, and then news.

Due to the size, finances and location of the station, the FCC has stipulated that KAZU must be non-commercial and non-profit. This means that the station will initially be allowed to operate on only ten watts of power (compared to one thousand for KMBY). The broadcasting range will very probably not get much further than Pacific Grove and the near side of Monterey Bay. Carmel is out.

The non-commercial stipulation also means that the station can only exist through volunteer donations and subscriptions, which will range between six and twelve dollars per year for the individual, and five dollars per radio hour for businesses.

In return, the station intends to offer a major public affairs format for the Pacific Grove area, including such services as coverage of city council meetings, and forums for local organizations, as well as entertainment. The station points out that volunteers are welcome.



Auto Tech additions prepared

What was once faculty parking next to the Electronics building is now an outside work area for the new auto/lab classroom.

Auto Tech instructor, Michael Kenney said that the main purpose of the extention is to "lighten the load" of the main building. Previously, only one lab at a time could be held; now two are possible.

Keeney built the room from part of the Engineering tech building; it only took the first three weeks of school for the majority of construction. The outside work area is fenced so project cars can be left overnight.

Main uses of the new addition will be for suspension, brake and introductory classes. Money for the project has made possible the purchase of new tools and equipment. A soon to be installed hydraulic lift to raise cars for work underneath, a lathe that can re-surface brake rotors and drums, and various devices to balance wheels are some of the new machines.

Although Keeney said the classroom is "laid out like an auto repair shop", it's getting one feature that most shops don't have: large illustrative drawings of auto components on the walls that clearly show what each piece looks like. This is being done with the help of Brad Smith of the Graphics department, and Keeney believes it will take a lot of the mystery out of auto work.

Most units of Auto Tech are transferable to all state colleges but not the University of California system. The course welcomes project cars if the problem relates to course subject matter.

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Sports feature

Wellck runs past 40th birthday

By Danny Edwards

On September 13, Bob Wellck turned 40 years old. On September 17, he finished 18th out of 71 runners at College of San Mateo's Half Moon Bay Beach Run.

Standing on the beach after the race, the tall, slender Wellck admitted he had doubts about being a member of the 1977 MPC cross country team.

"I was worried about fitting in with people who were 15 to 20 years younger than me," he said. "But after one week I knew everything would work out. We all got to know each other pretty well after a while, and there are no problems."

This seems understandable. Wellck laughs easily and just tries to be himself. He is one of the most popular members on the team and his ability induces his teammates to run harder.

Though he grew up in New Mexico, Wellck earned his master's degree in mathematics at Stanford. He has competed in various long distance races over the past eight years but never ran intercollegiate cross country while in school. On the advice of Lobo coach Dave Stern, he decided to come out for the team. Stern admits he was worried about Wellck running four-mile cross country courses as Bob is used to longer races in the 10-to-15-mile range.

"I was playing it by ear," said Stern. "I wasn't sure Bob could handle the faster pace."

After the first few weeks of practice and after two meets, Wellck proved he could run against junior college competition. He placed 43rd out of 169 runners at the Pebble Beach Invitational and was the fourth man to finish for the Lobos at Half Moon Bay. He runs with a high arm carry and his long strides are smooth and fluid.

"I knew he was a good runner," said teammate Steve Watkins, "but the fact is, he is extremely fast and is going to play an important part on our team."



Bob Wellck warms up for practice. Photo by Chris Weber.

Jogging on the beach, Wellck reflected on his main reason for joining the team.

"I've known Dave (Stern) for three years and we've run hundreds of miles together," he said. "We've talked about my coming out and I realized it would get me in fantastic shape for master's running."

Since he is now 40, Wellck is eligible to compete in master's division (40 and over) long distance races which are usually six to twenty miles long. Considering he is already tough enough against twenty-year-olds, Wellck will be hard to beat against people his own age and older.

Working as a computer programmer, Wellck takes occasional business trips during the season. Does that slow down his training?

"When I go on a trip, I still can find time to run," he says. "There is usually a park or a lake in the area and sometimes there is even a race."

He grinned when asked how he feels about running against younger competition.

"It's keeping me honest, but it's a lot of fun."

He was totally serious.

Lobo harriers seek to improve

Already proven as a small school junior college power, MPC's cross country team must realize its ability to run competitively against large schools also, according to Lobo coach Dave Stern.

"We have the capabilities and the talent to compete against large JC schools," he said. "Everyone must run as well as possible though, something that didn't happen at Half Moon Bay."

True, the Lobos were not at their best that day. The race was run on a beach early in the morning and the wind was whipping wildly. Still, all the other teams had to face these conditions also and MPC finished third behind large schools West Valley and San Mateo.

The Lobos placed third in small school state last year after winning the Northern California Championship meet. At the start of the 1977 season, Andy Jones and Steve Rumrill, two top performers in 1976, were attending different schools. But the team was reinforced by newcomers John Sup, Rick Guilfoy, Steve Tamagni, Bob Wellck, Mark Jensen, Dan Edwards and Paul Hamilton. Guilfoy and Wellck are the only ones who have never competed in either high school or college before. Edwards and Hamilton were members of the Lobo track team last spring. Sup was a star runner at Palma High School and Tamagni competed for Palma in the early 70's. Jensen ran one year for the Lobos a few seasons back.

Tim Minor, Steve Watkins and Mike Kennada are the returning lettermen. All three, along with Edwards, attended Pacific Grove High. Watkins equaled the MPC school record in the steeplechase last spring and placed seventh in the junior national meet at Knoxville, Tennessee.

"We've got a whole lot of depth," said Stern. "We should be tougher than ever. Some of our people are not running as well as they should but it's still early in the year."

The Lobos got a surprise when they were invited to compete at an invitational in Eugene, Oregon on September 31. Lane Community College came down from Eugene to run at MPC's own Pebble Beach Invitational and were impressed enough to invite them up north.

"We know it will be a long tiring trip," said Stern, "but the invitational includes university teams and the chance to run against the likes of Oregon State and others doesn't come along every day."

Stern, who runs workouts with the team, feels the Lobos could make a good showing in Eugene and is enthusiastic at the prospect of rough competition.

"The experience gained would be of great value to us for the rest of the season," he said.

MPC should have no trouble winning the Conference title. They were edged out by Skyline last year but went on to win the Northern California meet. This season, Skyline did not look impressive at the Pebble Beach Invitational, placing 12th out of 19 schools. They were a distant 227 points behing MPC. The only other Coast Conference team competing that day was Cabrillo and they were 63 points behind Skyline. Gavilan was there also, its team consisting of one runner who finished a respectable 50th. Hartnell and Ohlone don't seem to have much either. Last reports mentioned Hartnell having only two runners out for the team and Ohlone not fielding a team at all.

The total outlook shows the Lobos with all the qualities of a championship team and barring any major injuries or similar catastrophes, it should be a season to remember.

MPC crushes Mendocino, 35-14, after tough loss to Cuesta

By Larry Tanner

In two games on the road MPC lost a heartbreaker, 35-31 to Cuesta, and topped Mendocino 35-14 the last two weeks.

The Cuesta game was a thriller but in the end there were no smiles from the MPC gridders or their fans.

The Lobos grabbed what appeared to be a comfortable lead, 23-7, in the first half only to see it diminish and turn into a 28-23 Cuesta edge in the fourth period. With 5:41 left in the affair backup quarterback Danny Olaeta, who took over for the injured Dave Viars, hit Ron Johnson for an 80 yard touchdown and an apparent victory.

However, Cuesta didn't give up as QB Tom Spadafore tossed an 80 yard TD pass to running back Ed Alarcio for a 35-31 win.

After holding Napa to seven points a week earlier the Lobos gave up 464 total yards and the 35 points.

MPC's running game may have been their only bright spot during the contest. Nelson Makaiwi rushed 24 times for 100 of the Lobos 242 total rushing yards.

The Lobo's then traveled on to Ukiah last Saturday where they crushed Mendocino, 35-14. Mendecino struck first with a touchdown run but after that score it was all MPC. Running back Richard Carroll started the fireworks with a one yard plunge. Curtis Everett booted the extra point to tie the game up at 7-7. The Lobos then took a lead they never relinquished as Stacy Colbert ran a punt back for 73 yards and a score.

MPC then went ot the air as Olaeta, taking over again for the injured Viars, connected on a 65 yard TD pass to Johnson and it was 21-7 at the half. In the third period Carroll scored his second time of the game and his fourth TD of the season. Everett booted another conversion and MPC had a comfortable 28-7 edge.

All-conference fullback, Paul Dickins, a questionable participant before game-time, ended a lengthy drive with a one yard run to finish MPC's scoring. Everett made his fifth extra point in as many tries.

Mendocino added one more touchdown in the final period and the contest ended MPC 35, Mendocino 14. The Lobos again featured a fine running game with Roland Chapman leading all rushers with 110 yards in 15 carries. Carroll gained 77 yards in 16 carries.

The defense made up for their embarrassing performance against Cuesta. MPC defenders intercepted five passes. Leo Martinez picked off two while Mike Onaka, Kevin Reddick and Wayne Vance grabbed one apiece

The Lobos open their home slate tomorrow against Hancock College at 1:30 p.m.

1977 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 5, Cabrillo, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 18, MPC, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 19, Menlo, 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 22, San Bernardino, All Day
Thursday, October 27, West Valley, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 1, Ohlone, 5:00 p.m.
Friday, November 4, MPC, 6:00 p.m.
Wenesday, November 9, Skyline, 5:00 p.m.

1977 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 1, Hancock (home), 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 8, Merced (home), 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 15, Cabrillo (away), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 22, Menlo (away), 1:30 p.m.
Friday, October 28, Ohlone (home), 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 5, Gavilan (home), 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 12, Hartnell (home), 1:30 p.m.

Basketball team begins season workouts

By Larry Tanner

The basketball squad has begun practice for the 1977 season. 30 to 35 players have been showing up during early workouts. The Lobos first game will be played on November 25.

Coach Sal Cardinale expressed hopes of improving on last season's deceiving 14-10 record.

"Our record should have been better but an injury to Pete Smith early in the season hurt us in several close games," said Cardinale.

Sorely missed

Smith, along with Ted Borum, was an all-conference performer last year. Both have moved on to play ball for Sacramento State. They will be sorely missed and Cardinale hopes that several returnees and some strong recruits may pick up the slack.

"This may be a rebuilding year," commented the second year MPC coach, "but we still have move size and depth than last year."

Enthusiastic people

The squad has to be cut down to 12 players by October 15 and decisions won't be easy. Cardinale did not want to mention any names of players who were sure to make the team, but said, "They are all enthusiastic people and are working hard to be competitive."

Team work, determination, and hustle may be the main ingredient in equalling or topping the Lobos 1976 10th place rating in California's small school JC poll.

Co-Rec night

ASMPC card holders will be admitted free to Co-Rec Night which includes an evening of either swimming, volleyball, weight lifting, or badminton.

Co-Rec Night is featured every Tuesday at the college from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Swimming starts at 8 p.m. at the pool and continues until 9:30. Admission is .25 without a student body card and it costs an extra .25 to swim.

Soccer club

Several foreign MPC students have expressed an interest in soccer and are trying to get a club organized. This could give students a chance to play controlled soccer games at scheduled times.

Anyone interested in the club can contact Foreign Student Advisor Ed Devlin or Jerry.